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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER.
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THE PALACE OF KAHNDAQ.

WITHIN MINUTES OF THE
ANTI-LIFE EQUATION TOUCHING
DOWN ON EARTH, IT REACHED
EVERY CONNECTED PLACE ON
THE PLANET AND STARTED
SPREADING, EXPONENTIALLY...

...IN EVERY
COUNTRY
EXCEPT ONE.

<TAKE
KAHNDAG
OFFLINE!>*

*TRANSLATED
TO ENGLISH.



KAHNDAG WAS
DISCONNECTED
WITH A
KEYSTROKE.

THE ONE BENEFIT
OF HAVING A
DICTATOR, I GUESS.

**UTTER
CONTROL.**

AND WITH THAT ACTION, KAHNDAQ BECAME THE LEAST INFECTED NATION ON EARTH.

BUT STILL THE CORRUPTED
ANTI-LIFE EQUATION WAS
OUT THERE, AND IT WAS
SPREADING THROUGH BLOOD.

BLACK ADAM HAD THE WISDOM
OF ZEHUTI. HE KNEW FOR EVERY
INNOCENT HE STOPPED TO
SAVE, A HUNDRED WOULD FALL.



SO, WHEN HIS
PEOPLE LOOKED
TO HIM FOR
SALVATION...

HE IS
HERE!

YOUR
GRACE.
HELP US!



...THEY
FACED ONLY
A STORM.



WITH THE SPEED OF HERU, BLACK ADAM FLEW THROUGH HIS COUNTRY.

WITH THE FORCE OF ATON, HE DESTROYED EVERY TRACE OF THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION HE COULD FIND.

HE DID SO WITHOUT HESITATION.

SPEED WAS MORE CRITICAL THAN MERCY.

IT IS DONE.

WHAT IS DONE?



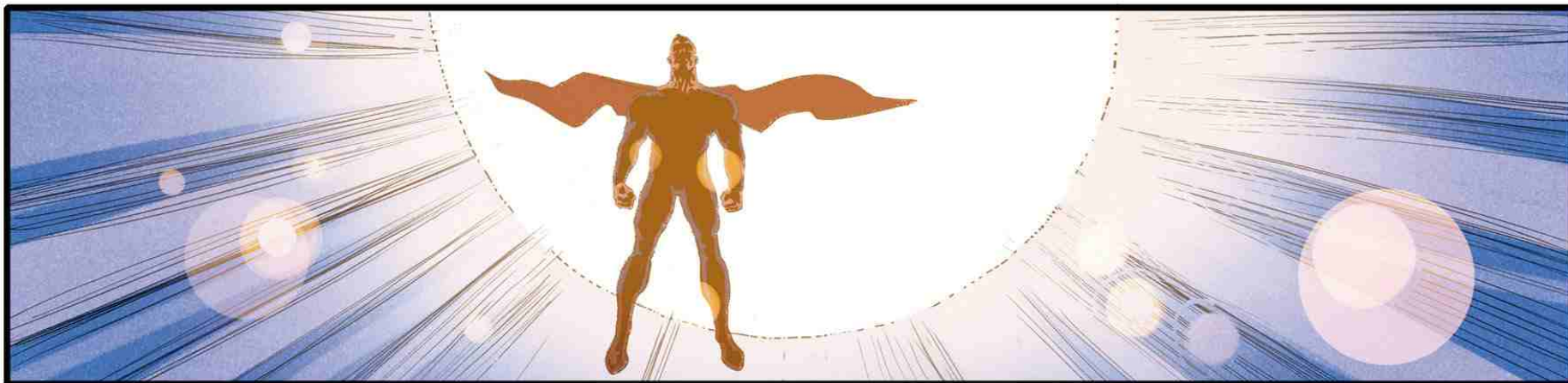
I SAVED
KAHNDAG.

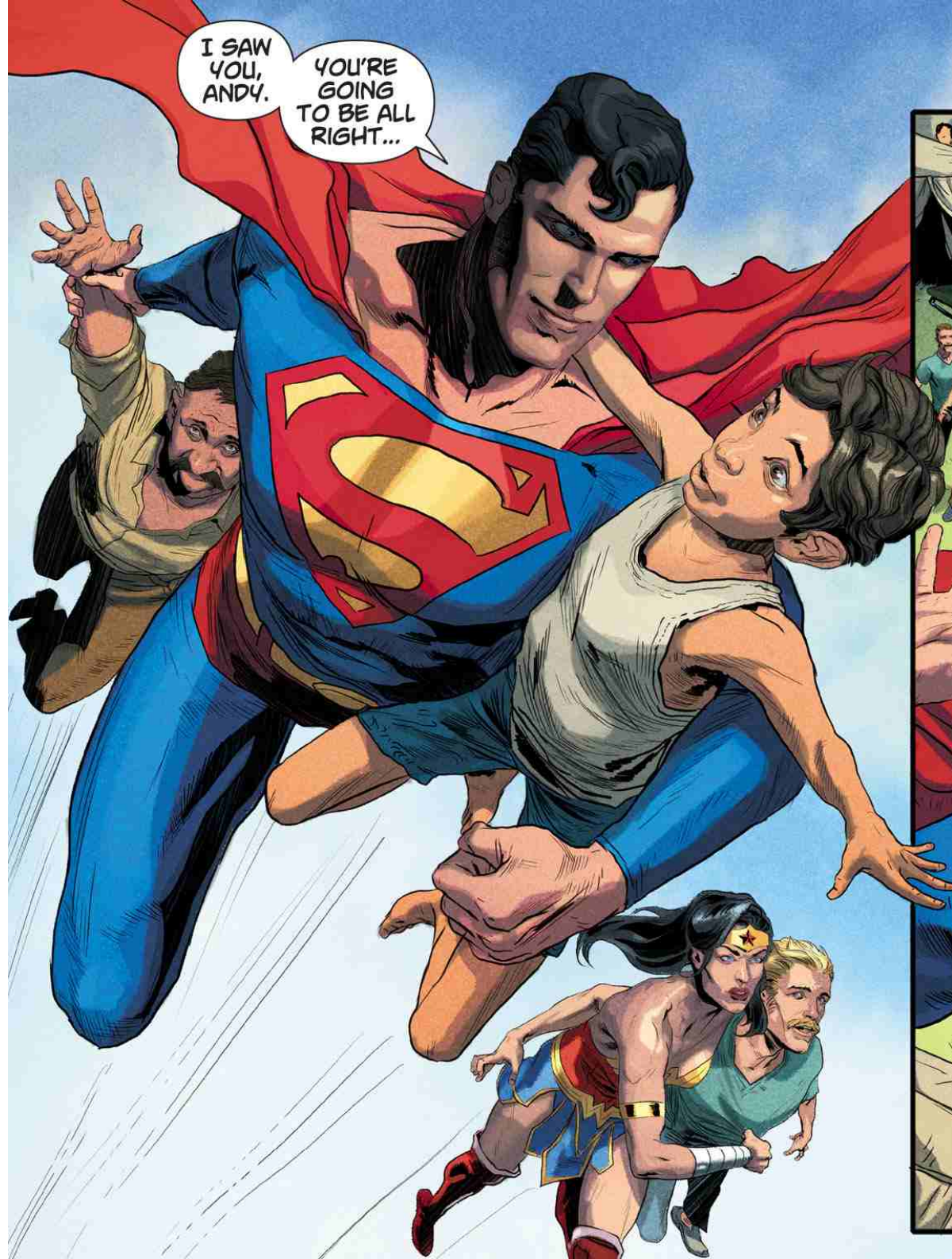
I'M
SORRY.



YOUR
GRACE?

WHAT
DID YOU
DO?





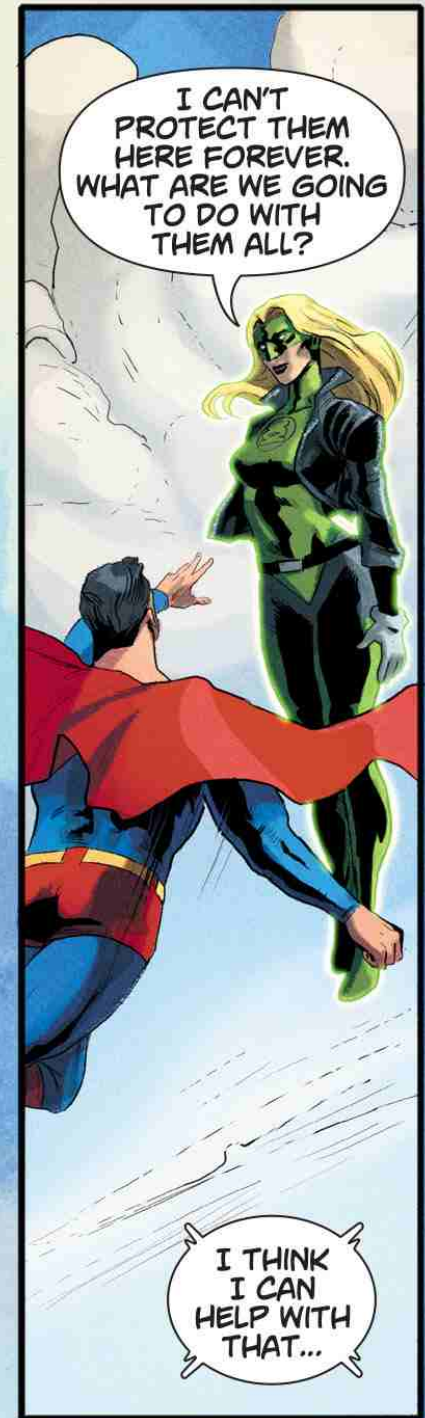
I SAW YOU, ANDY.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT...



"...WE'LL GET YOU TO SAFETY."

THANK YOU!



I CAN'T PROTECT THEM HERE FOREVER. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THEM ALL?

I THINK I CAN HELP WITH THAT...



...I
MAY HAVE
FOUND SOME
HOPE.

MARTIAN
MANHUNTER!

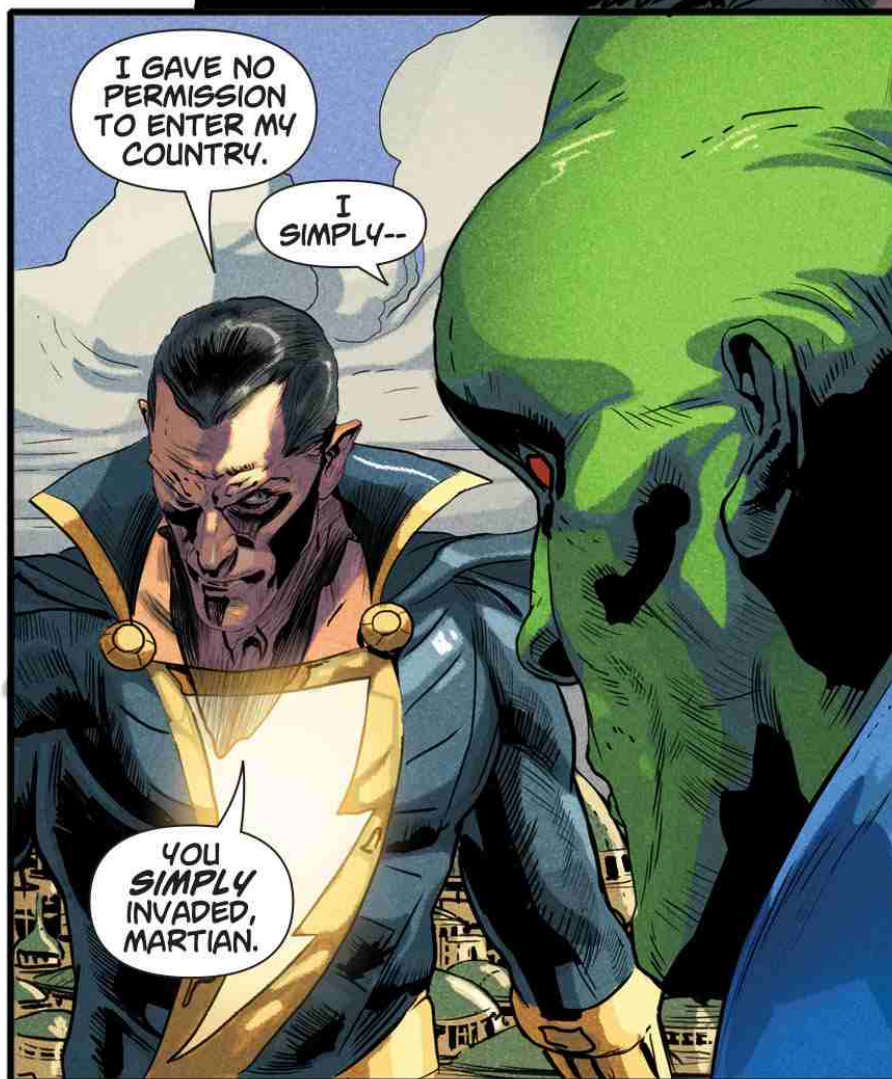


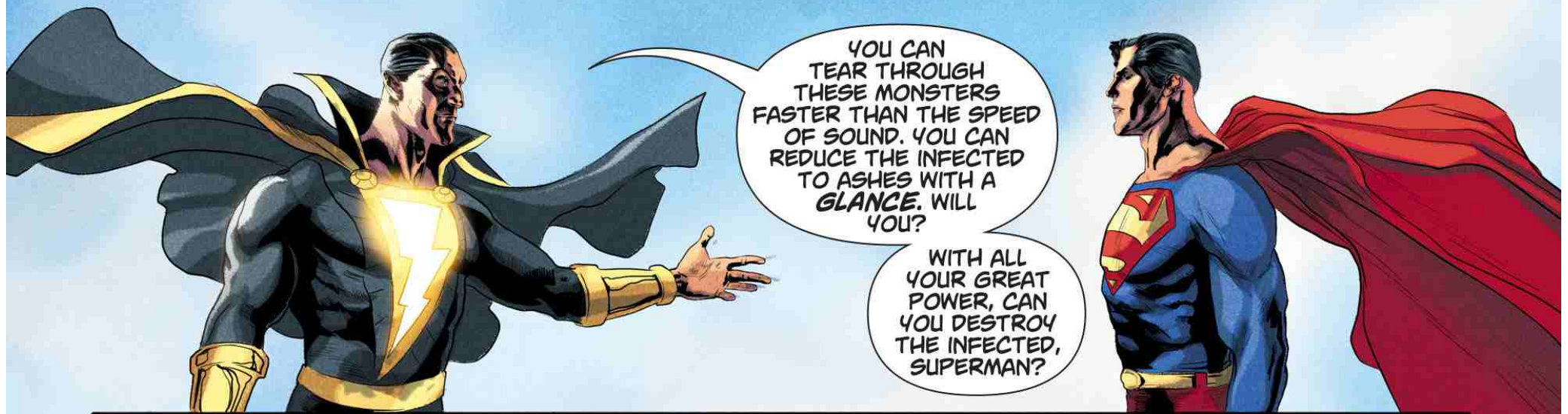
J'ONN!

HELLO,
DINAH.



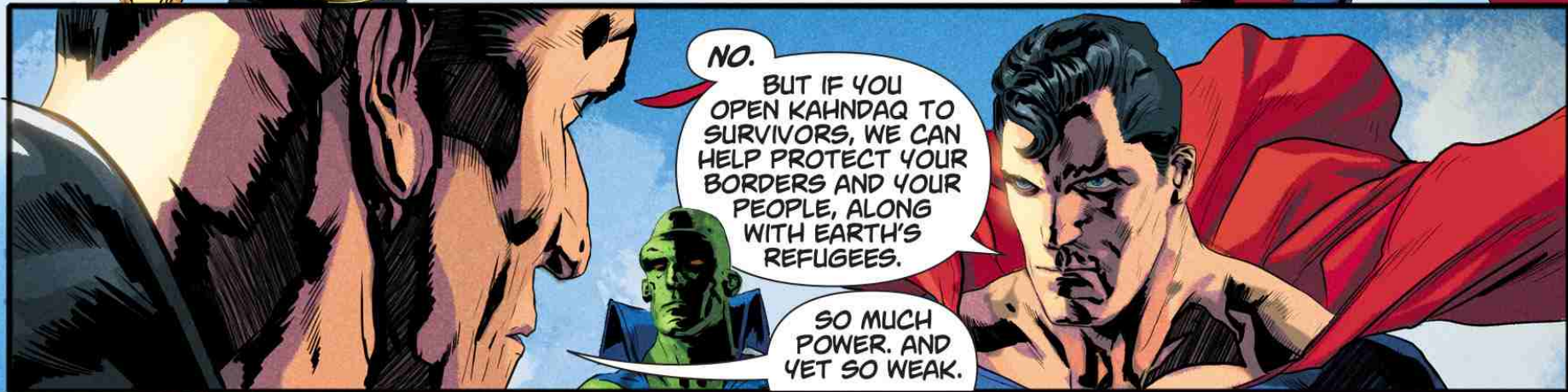






YOU CAN
TEAR THROUGH
THESE MONSTERS
FASTER THAN THE SPEED
OF SOUND. YOU CAN
REDUCE THE INFECTED
TO ASHES WITH A
GLANCE. WILL
YOU?

WITH ALL
YOUR GREAT
POWER, CAN
YOU DESTROY
THE INFECTED,
SUPERMAN?



NO.
BUT IF YOU
OPEN KAHNDAQ TO
SURVIVORS, WE CAN
HELP PROTECT YOUR
BORDERS AND YOUR
PEOPLE, ALONG
WITH EARTH'S
REFUGEES.

SO MUCH
POWER. AND
YET SO WEAK.



COMPASSION
ISN'T
WEAKNESS.



MY PEOPLE DO NOT
NEED **COMPASSION**.
THEY NEED TO KNOW YOU
WILL END THE UNLIVING TO
SAVE THEM. THAT YOUR
MORALITY WILL NEVER
COME BEFORE THEIR
LIVES.

LEAVE
MY BORDERS.
DO NOT
RETURN.



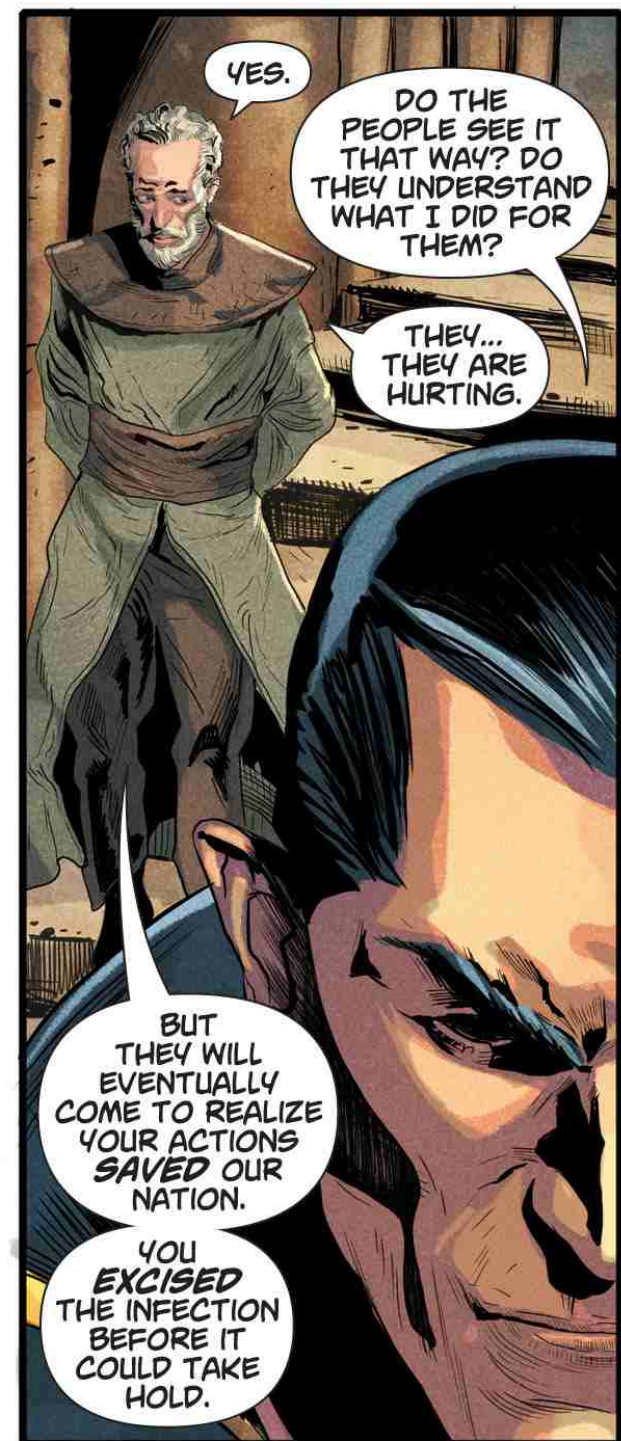
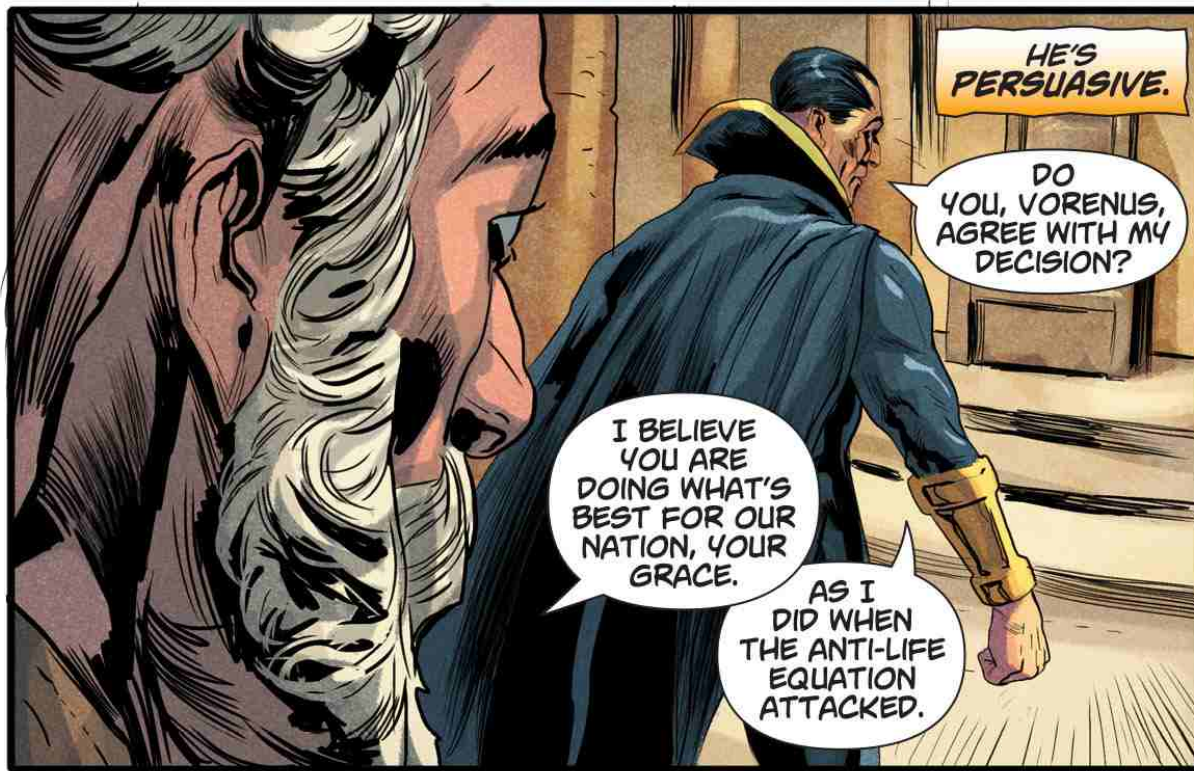
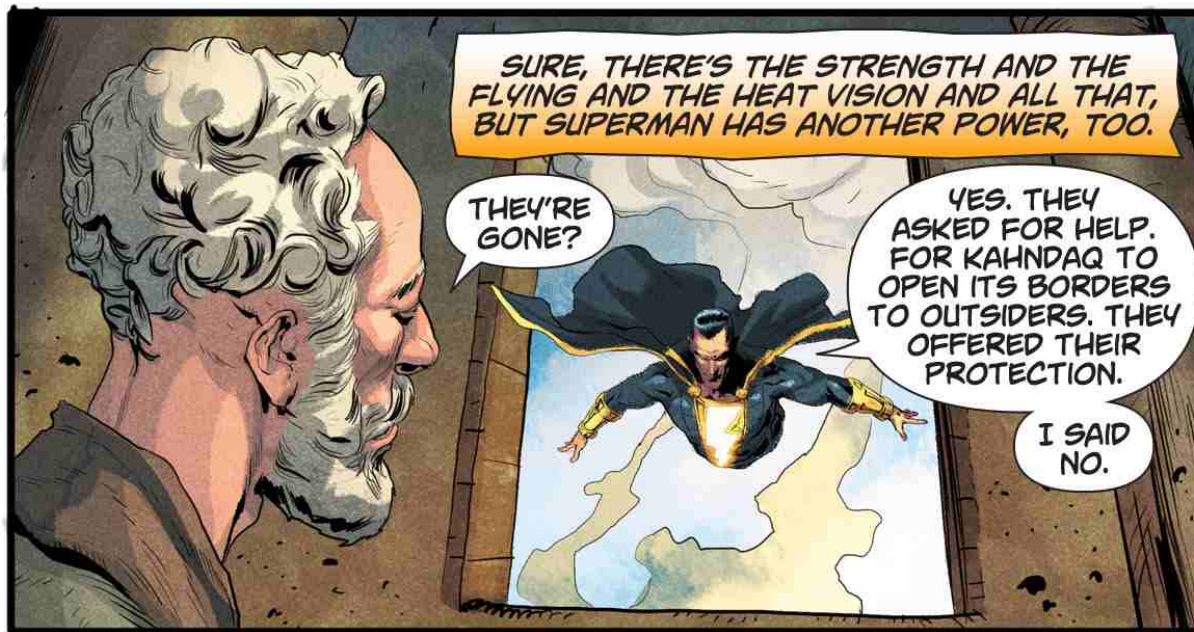
GOODBYE,
SUPERMAN.

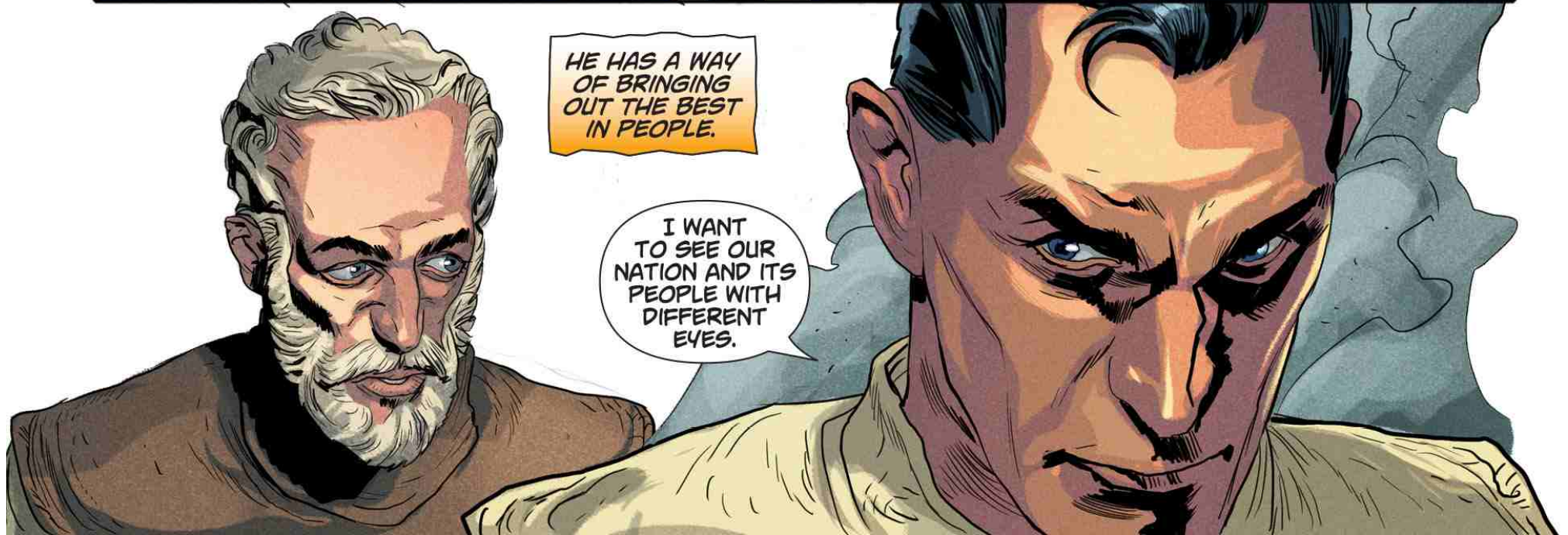


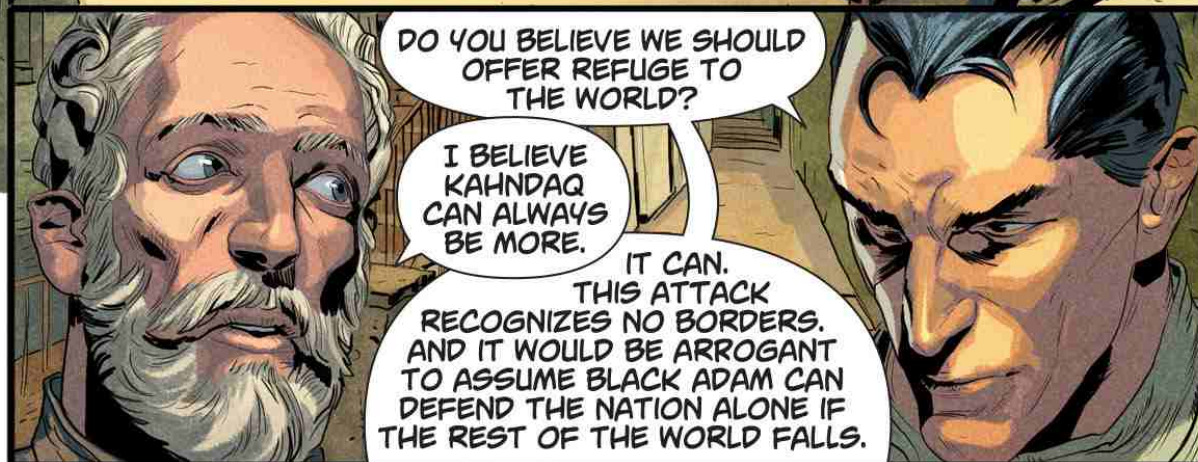
WE WOULD
BE STRONGER
TOGETHER,
BLACK ADAM.

YOU'RE
MAKING A
CHOICE WITH
THE WISDOM
OF A **GOD**.

FOR THE
WORLD, AND
FOR KAHNDAQ,
THINK ON THIS
WITH THE HEART
OF A MAN.













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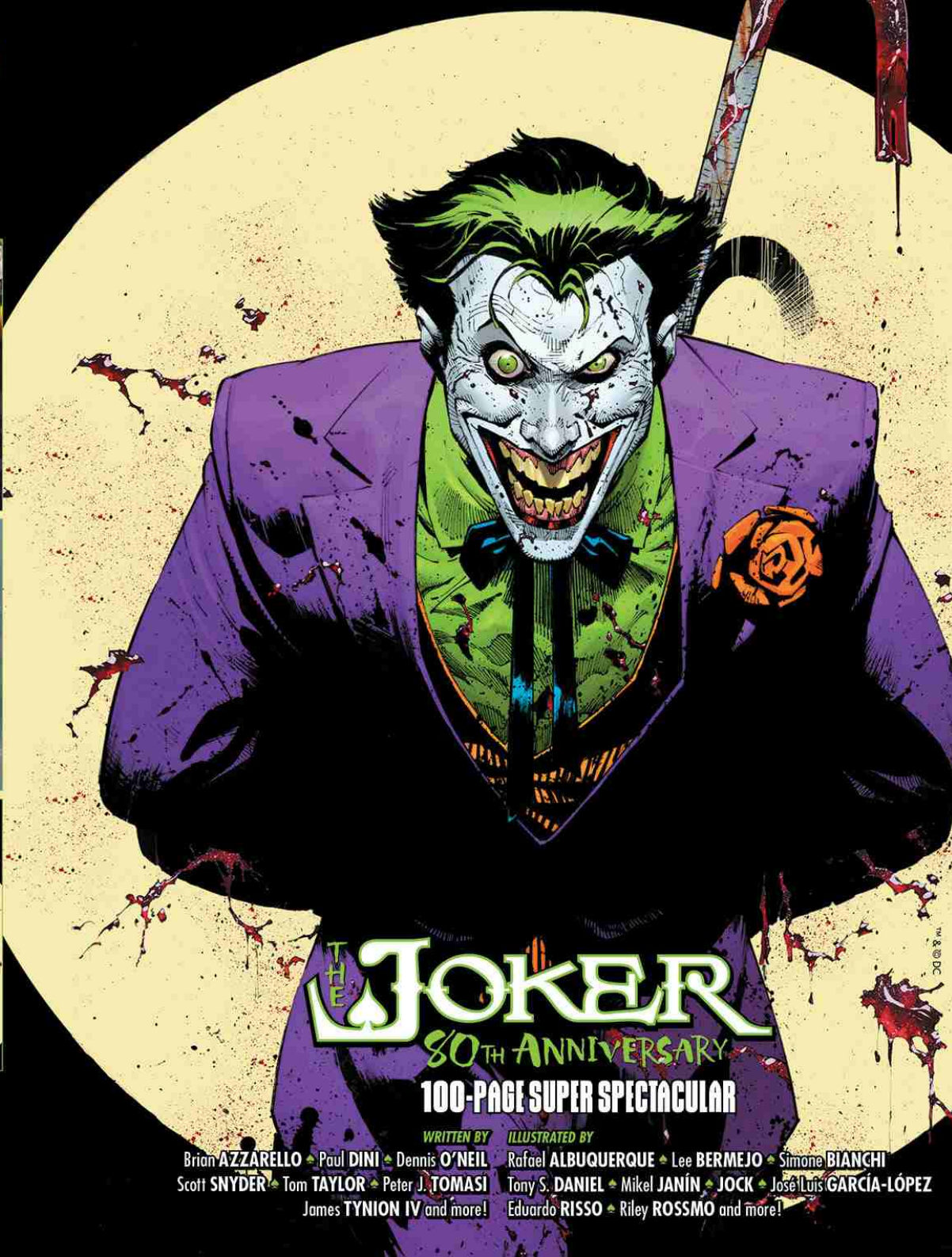


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